गयी है ; क्या सरकार मामले की और आगे जांच करायेगी, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा)** : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

**Projects Under Implementation in Rajasthan**

474. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Centrally sponsored engineering projects under implementation in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the delay in completion of those projects is leading to cost escalation; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to expedite the execution of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to the Quarterly Monitoring System of Ministry of Programme Implementation as on 30-6-1988, in respect of projects costing over Rs. 20 crores each, there are no engineering projects falling under Heavy, Medium and Light Engineering under implementation in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Money allotted to Rajasthan for the Annual Plan 1987-88**

475. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money utilised by the Government of Rajasthan out of the total amount allotted to that State for the annual plan for 1987-88; and

(b) the sectors where the amount could not be fully utilised and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government of Rajasthan has stated that the approved outlay of Rs. 645 crores for annual plan 1987-88 has been fully utilised,

(b) There has been no shortfall in the overall expenditure. However, there have been shortfalls in the sectors of Special Area Programme, Irrigation and Flood Control, Energy, Industry and Minerals, Transport, Science Technology and Environment, Social Services, General Economic Services, General Services and Upgradation Grants. The main reason for shortfall in some of the sectors is diversion of funds to material component for relief works in drought affected areas.

**Growth Rate of Population in Rajasthan**

476. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the yearly growth rate of population in Rajasthan has been monitored during the 7th Five Year Plan, period, if so, the year-wise growth rate and the areas where the growth rate has been found to be significant;

(b) whether any special measures are contemplated to control the growth rate in such areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The Natural Growth Rate of population is obtained as difference between birth and death rates as available from Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General, India annually. The latest estimates of Natural Growth Rate for Rajasthan for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 are 2.65 per cent, 2.47 per cent and 2.32 per cent (Provisional) respectively. Since Sample Registration System provides estimates only at State level, the growth rate below State level are not available.

(b) and (c) Measures contemplated to control the growth of population include incentives for sterilisation; education for promotion of spacing; enhancing community participation by setting up of population committees at State, District and Block levels; providing assistance to grass-root level voluntary organisations through Standing Committee on Voluntary Action; adopting improved communication approaches improving programme management and supervision by strengthening existing staffing pattern for direction and administration; improving quality of services by undertaking technical training programmes for medical and para-medical workers; providing recanalisation services; enhancing child survival rates through Universal Immunisation Programme etc.

**Antarctica Missions**

477. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on Antarctica Missions during the last five years; and

(b) what are the details of the major thrusts and scientific advancement arising due to these Antarctica Missions and what R&D use have the findings of these missions put to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The expenditure incurred by the Department of Ocean Development during the last five years are as follows:

(Rs. crores)

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| 3rd Expedition | — 1983-84 | 5.70 |
| 4th Expedition | — 1984-85 | 6.20 |
| 5th Expedition | — 1985-86 | 5.75 |
| 6th Expedition | — 1986-87 | 5.12 |
| 7th Expedition | — 1987-88 | 6.20 |

(b) The scientific missions to Antarctica have generated a wealth of knowledge and information about the icy continent in various disciplines of science such as geology, geophysics, meteorology, biology, oceanography, geomagnetism, atmospheric physics, etc. These expeditions have been responsible for the development of infrastructure and living and working facilities in the continent. More than 200 scientific papers in national and international journals have been published enabling India to have a highly respected position among the community of nations engaged in polar research. The knowledge gained by our scientists about this continent and its resources enabled India to participate effectively in the finalisation of the negotiations on the Antarctica Minerals Regime adopted on 2nd June, 1988 in New Zealand. This Convention will regulate the exploitation of mineral resources in Antarctica at a later date and the countries which have continued presence in Antarctica stand to benefit.

**Control of Birth Rate**

478. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the birth rate has been stationary during the last five years inspite of the family welfare programmes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to bring down the birth rate in view of the explosive situation developing in the country with fast increasing population growth?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Annual estimates of birth rate are available from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India. According to the latest estimates available, the Birth Rate for the year 1987 is 32.0 (provisional) per thousand population and it shows a steady decline from the Birth rate level of 33.7 for the year 1983.